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REDUCE SKINNING *D.G.*

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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Before examining the above-referenced application, the Examiner is requested to enter  
the following amendments:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 1-51. */*

Please enter the following new claims:

*X* 52. A container having an internal surface and an external surface adapted to contain a  
water-based formulation and its related vapors, the container comprising:  
an anti-skinning layer located on at least a portion of the internal surface, wherein the  
anti-skinning layer is capable of retaining a layer of the formulation without excluding the  
formulation vapor in the container from contacting the formulation. *C*